

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Received** )  
Shigeaki IMAI et al. **APR 02 1999** )  
Serial No.: 08/748,935 **Group 2700** ) Group Art Unit: 2772  
Filed: November 13, 1996 ) Examiner: M. Powell  
For: METHOD FOR GENERATING THREE- ) **CPA - 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**  
DIMENSIONAL FORM DATA AND )  
APPARATUS THEREFOR )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please kindly add new claims 23-28 as follows:

23. (New) A computer-implemented method of generating three-dimensional form data to be used in a computer apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and

modifying the group of curves by moving a curve or curves in the group along a surface of the three-dimensional form model.